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FIREMEN RESPOND TO NEARLY 80 FIRE CALLS A DAY  
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THE FIRE SERVICES RESPONDED TO 556 FIRE CALLS IN THE FIRST SEVEN DAYS OF THIS MONTH -- AN AVERAGE OF NEARLY 80 A DAY.

THESE INCLUDED 11 NO. 3 ALARM FIRES AND ONE NO. 5 ALARM, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE SERVICES SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THE SPOKESMAN APPEALED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO EXERCISE MORE CARE TO AVOID FIRE RISKS BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT EXTREMELY DRY WEATHER.

+SMOKERS SHOULD PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO SEE THAT ALL CIGARETTE ENDS ARE EXTINGUISHED BEFORE DISPOSAL,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

HE ALSO ADVISED HOUSEWIVES TO TAKE EXTRA CARE WITH THEIR KEROSENE STOVES AND IN THE HANDLING OF LP GAS CYLINDERS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE NUMBER OF HILL FIRES ALSO ROSE SHARPLY IN THE PAST WEEK, PARTICULARLY DURING THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL PERIOD.

HE SAID FIREMEN TACKLED A TOTAL OF 247 HILL FIRES OF WHICH 163 OCCURRED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO URGED PICNICKERS AND HOLIDAY-MAKERS TO TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTION AGAINST THE OUTBREAK OF FIRE WHEN VISITING THE COUNTRYSIDE.

MEANWHILE, IN A GENERAL SCHOOLS CIRCULAR, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT APPEALED TO ALL HEADS OF SCHOOLS TO IMPRESS ON THEIR STUDENTS THE IMPORTANCE OF PROTECTING THE COUNTRYSIDE FROM DAMAGE BY FIRE WHEN THEY GO PICNICKING.

+THE RISK OF FIRE IS GREATER AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR BECAUSE OF THE LOW HUMIDITY. STUDENTS SHOULD ENSURE THAT LIGHTED MATCHES AND PICNIC FIRES ARE PROPERLY EXTINGUISHED BEFORE LEAVING ANY PICNIC SPOT,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EMPHASISED.

+HILL FIRES BURN VALUABLE TREES, VEGETATION AND WILD LIFE AND SOMETIMES DESTROY HUMAN LIFE AND PROPERTY. A HILLSIDE CAN BE BURNT IN HOURS BUT RESTORATION OF A PROPER VEGETATION COVER WILL TAKE YEARS,+ HE ADDED.

THE DEPARTMENT ALSO FOCUSED ATTENTION ON THE PROBLEM OF LITTERING.

+LITTER RUINS OUR ENVIRONMENT. IT SPOILS THE BEAUTY OF A PLACE AND POLLUTES WATER SUPPLIES. STUDENTS SHOULD CLEAR UP ALL LITTER AND RUBBISH AFTER BARBECUES AND PICNICS AND DISPOSE OF THEM AT PROPER PLACES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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HIGH ISLAND SCHEME WINS AWARD FOR HK  
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN AWARDED AN INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME.

THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR. WILLIAM TUCKER, WILL ACCEPT THE PRESTIGIOUS INGERSOLL RAND ITALIA PRIZE 1979 AT A CEREMONY IN MILAN ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 11).

THE ITALIA PRIZE WAS CREATED TO DRAW PUBLIC ATTENTION TO SOCIAL, TECHNICAL AND AESTHETIC ACHIEVEMENTS IN IMPORTANT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD INVOLVING ITALIAN ENTERPRISE.

THE PRIZE IS SHARED BY VIANINI SPA, THE ITALIAN COMPANY WHICH WAS THE MAJOR CONTRACTOR ON THE PROJECT, AND THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS, BINNIE AND PARTNERS.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE, PROFESSOR ERVINO MILLI, SAID THE PRIZE HAD BEEN AWARDED TO HONG KONG UNANIMOUSLY.

PREVIOUS WINNERS HAVE BEEN PROJECTS IN AFRICA, SOUTH AMERICA AND THE USSR.

MR. AND MRS. TUCKER, WHO WILL BE GUESTS OF THE ITALIA PRIZE COMMITTEE, WILL ATTEND A DINNER IN MILAN WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY ATTENDED BY LEADERS OF THE ITALIAN SCIENTIFIC AND BUSINESS COMMUNITIES.

THE \$1 348 MILLION HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME IS THE LARGEST SEA BED RESERVOIR IN THE WORLD.

WITH A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 293 MILLION CUBIC METRES, THE RESERVOIR DOUBLED HONG KONG'S WATER STORAGE CAPACITY.

CONSTRUCTION STARTED IN 1971 AND THE HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME WAS OPENED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR.

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INTENSIVE ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN IN MONG KOK  
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MORE THAN 300 000 RESIDENTS FROM THE MONG KOK DISTRICT ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND A WIDE VARIETY OF EDUCATIONAL AND ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES DURING AN INTENSIVE MONTH-LONG ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN TO BE HELD IN THE DISTRICT STARTING SATURDAY (OCTOBER 13).

SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR YUET-KEUNG KAN WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE CAMPAIGN AT THE MONG KOK STADIUM. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR. LEWIS DAVIES.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR. HUNG WAI-MAN.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR. PETER LEE AND THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (MONG KOK), MISS REGINA LAU ALSO ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE.

MR. HUNG SAID A FANFARE WILL INITIATE THE OPENING AND THE PROGRAMME WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED BY A MOCK BATTLE DISPLAY BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS). THERE WILL ALSO BE A VARIETY SHOW OF DRAGON AND LION DANCES, POLICE DOG DEMONSTRATION, +TELE-MATCHES+ AND PERFORMANCES BY TOP TELEVISION STARS AND SINGERS.

ABOUT 10 000 RESIDENTS AND STUDENTS FROM THE DISTRICT WILL ATTEND THE OPENING.

OTHER PROGRAMMES DURING THE PERIOD OF THE ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN WILL INCLUDE SEMINAR CAMP AND LAUNCH PICNIC FOR WORKING YOUTHS, OPEN-AIR CONCERTS, VARIETY SHOWS, FILM SHOWS, SCHOOL TALKS, VISITS TO ANTI-DRUG AGENCIES AND PAINTING, SEWING, SOCCER AND BASKETBALL COMPETITIONS.

MR. HUNG SAID: +THE MONG KOK DISTRICT ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE HAS PREPARED MORE THAN 100 000 POSTERS AND PAMPHLETS FOR DISTRIBUTION THROUGHOUT THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD AND HAS PUT UP A LARGE NUMBER OF ANTI-DRUG POSTERS IN THE DISTRICT.

+TOURIST COACHES AND TAXIS IN THE DISTRICT WILL ALSO CARRY ANTI-DRUG MESSAGES.+

HE SAID AN INTENSIVE PUBLICITY PROGRAMME WILL BE LAUNCHED IN THE PRESS, ON TELEVISION AND RADIO TO TAKE THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE NOT ONLY TO RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT BUT THE WHOLE POPULATION OF HONG KONG.

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THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (MONG KOK), MISS REGINA LAU TOLD THE PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THE COMMITTEE HAS SECURED THE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE FROM LEADING ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

+MORE THAN 700 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, MUTUAL AID AND AREA COMMITTEES, OWNERS INCORPORATIONS AND SCHOOLS HAVE STARTED THE PLANNING AND ORGANISING THE CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES FOUR MONTHS AGO.+

SHE SAID THE ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN HAS THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES:-

- \* TO BRING THE DRUG ABUSE ISSUE BEFORE THE PUBLIC AND TO CHANGE THEIR ATTITUDES TO IT-
- \* TO DISSUADE YOUNG PEOPLE FROM EVER EXPERIMENTING WITH DRUGS AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO TAKE PART IN HEALTHY AND MEANINGFUL ACTIVITIES-
- \* TO ENCOURAGE EXISTING ADDICTS, PARTICULARLY FEMALE ADDICTS, TO COME FORWARD FOR TREATMENT- AND
- \* TO APPEAL FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM AND IN REPORTING DRUG CRIMES.

THE MONG KOK CAMPAIGN IS THE SECOND OF THREE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS' (ACAN) INTENSIVE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT CAMPAIGNS THIS YEAR. THE FIRST MONTH-LONG ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN IS BEING HELD IN WAN CHAI. THE THIRD ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN WILL START IN TSUEN WAN ON NOVEMBER 18, THIS YEAR.

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CONCERT BY FOU TS'ONG AND  
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THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WILL GIVE ITS FIRST CONCERT ON OCTOBER 20 AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL FOLLOWING A SUCCESSFUL TOUR OF BRITAIN AND FRANCE RECENTLY.

APPEARING IN THE CONCERT WITH THE ORCHESTRA AT 8 P.M. ON THAT DAY WILL BE THE INTERNATIONALLY DISTINGUISHED PIANIST, FOU TS'ONG, WHO IS ALSO AN ADVISER TO THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE.

THE CONCERT, TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE ORCHESTRA'S PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR, MR. THOMAS WANG, IS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE AND THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL.

MR. FOU WILL APPEAR AS SOLOIST IN THE CONCERT AND WILL BE PLAYING THE PIANO CONCERTO K503 BY MOZART AND THE PIANO CONCERTO NO. 1 BY BEETHOVEN. OTHER PROGRAMMES WILL INCLUDE DIA MEISTER SINGER BY WAGNER AND THE STRING SONATA NO. 3 BY ROSSINI.

TICKETS FOR THE CONCERT AT \$10 AND \$5 ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL, 224 WATERLOO ROAD, KOWLOON= THE SING TAO OFFICES AT LI YUEN STREET WEST, MINDEN PLAZA, OCEAN CENTRE, HUNG HOM RAILWAY TERMINAL AND MEI FOO SUN CHUEN= AND TOM LEE PIANO CO. OFFICES AT MAN YEE BUILDING, HENNESSY ROAD, CAMERON ROAD AND NATHAN ROAD.

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MAXICAB ROUTE 14 TO BE REVISED  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT MAXICAB ROUTE NO. 14 BETWEEN CAUSEWAY BAY AND BOYCE ROAD WILL BE REVISED FROM WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 10) FOLLOWING A RECENT TRANSPORT SURVEY AND NUMEROUS PUBLIC SUGGESTIONS ABOUT THE SERVICE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE REVISION WOULD BE FOR A TRIAL PERIOD OF ONE MONTH DURING WHICH ANOTHER SURVEY WOULD BE CARRIED OUT TO ASSESS THE OVERALL TRAFFIC LEVEL AND RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD THEN BE MADE ON WHETHER THE SERVICE SHOULD BE FRANCHISED FOR PERMANENT OPERATION.

+THE REVISED SCHEDULE WILL RESULT IN AN INCREASED JOURNEY TIME IN VIEW OF THE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS ALONG BLUE POOL ROAD AND THE DIVERSION VIA HAPPY VALLEY MARKET IN SING WOO ROAD,+ HE SAID.

+HOWEVER, A MORE DIRECT ROUTING FROM TAI HANG ROAD TO MOORSOM ROAD VIA MOUNT BUTLER ROAD AND WILSON ROAD INSTEAD OF CREASY ROAD IS PROVIDED ON OUTWARD JOURNEYS.+

THREE MAXICABS WILL SERVE THIS ROUTE FROM 7.10 A.M. TO 8.30 P.M. WITH PEAK FREQUENCIES OF 12 MINUTES AND OFF-PEAK FREQUENCIES OF 15 MINUTES. THE FARE WILL BE INCREASED TO 60 CENTS.

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